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SUBJECT: KMT GENERAL SHANG CHEN VISITS PRC

1. SEPT 20 ASAHI EVENING NEWS CARRIED REPORT BY ITS PEKING CORRESPONDENT, MAKOTO YOSHIDA, THAT FORMER KMT GENERAL SHANG CHEN ARRIVED IN PEKING SEPT 19 ON ONE OF JAL'S TEST FLIGHTS FOR EVENTUAL TOKYO-PEKING ROUTE. SHANG WAS MET BY LIAO CHENG-CHIH, HEAD CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSN, FOR "INSPECTION TOUR VISIT," BUT YOSHIDA SAID OBSERVERS IN TOKYO WONDERED IF VISIT WAS IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON TAIWAN'S FUTURE STATUS. ASAHI ARTICLE NOTED THAT SHANG A FORMER TOP KMT LEADER, LEFT CHINA OCT 1, 1949, FOR JAPAN WHERE HE HAS RESIDED SINCE.

2. COMMENT: NINETY-YEAR OLD SHANG STRIKES US AS UNLIKELY EMISSARY FOR TAIWAN-PEKING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT VISIT ILLUSTRATES HOW NEW AIR LINK WILL FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PRC AND TAIWAN VIA JAPAN.
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